

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

February 8, 2017

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2016 meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: Mrs. Mora Dillon

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of January 25, 2017, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on December 28, 2016, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: Mrs. Mora Dillon

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of the minutes from the Executive Session held on January 25, 2017, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

BILL LIST:

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the bill list, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Mayor Watters presented the winners of the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby with Certificates.

CLERKS REPORT:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Raffle applications for Tri County Fire Company, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mrs. Kocher

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that we are making progress with the finance system and the reports are being submitted.

EMPLOYEES REPORTS:

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Green team would like to hold a town wide yard sale on April 28, 29, 30, 2017.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the town wide yard sale, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that all of the Showerheads have been delivered to the people that requested replacement showerheads and there are some extras still left over and the people that have requested showerheads will be contacted.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that with the impending weather the Green team meeting will be cancelled for tomorrow night.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa stated that the Municipal Aid grant applications have been put in.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he spoke to Clear Span got some ideas and methods to repair the issues that we have come across. Removed four of the buttress blocks and installed water shield.

Mr. Misertino stated that he had spoken to Mr. DiSessa in reference to the millings at the church and asked Mr. DiSessa if he was aware that signage for No Trespassing signs were put up.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he was not aware that the signs were put up.

Mrs. Mora Dillon read a statement to answer questions from previous meetings.

Before we go into public portion, various issues were brought to the committee at the last meeting. Some positive research was done on those issues and we would like to provide some updates to the public.

Our objective is to hopefully prevent repetitive questions being asked regarding the same issues and this way we can move on to new issues that the public may want to ask or entertain any ideas to improve the township.

While this committee encourages all of our citizens to attend meetings and have the opportunity to ask this committee questions, we will not tolerate being attacked, demeaned or belittled. We have all have been elected by the citizens of Mansfield to represent them and have the entire Township's best interest put first. If you cannot conduct yourself with respect towards this committee, you will be asked to step down from the table so that someone else can ask a question. We have also imposed a time limit of 5 minutes for each citizen to ask questions in the public portion of the meeting in order to move the meeting along.

Salt Shed- In the past two weeks with the help of our new DPW Supervisor, the DPW staff, new Engineer, Mayor Watters and Mr. Hayes there have been some positive feedback towards the solutions regarding the water issues. The Manufacturer of the Salt shed was contacted by Mr. Di Sessa to come out to the site to evaluate these issues in order to recommend an appropriate solution. As per their direction there were repairs started on the outside wall which should be completed and tested within the next 2 weeks.

I would like to mention that Mayor Watters, Mr. Hayes and Mr Di Sessa have been making this a priority since the Reorganization meeting on January 2nd. Since this was an inherited issue and didn't develop overnight, the solution will take some time. This committee will update the public at every meeting on any new occurrences until the issue is rectified. Remember this committee has a vested interest in the solution, especially since we are all taxpayers as well.

Mt Bethel Church- Regarding the concerns of RAP material that was used as fill at the church-Since the NJDEP was notified and then referred to the Warren County Board of Health, there was a meeting with the Health Dept and we are currently awaiting direction by them on how to proceed. However, the project itself is coming along nicely. We have already completed the well hook-up, the new roof framing, pipe for electric service and meter service. Open Space has started working on a plan for new work going forward.

Signage at Mt Bethel Church was put up based on inquiry to Chief of Police regarding keeping people safe and off property due to construction, Chief advised the only way to enforce was to post No Trespassing signs. It is a safety issue to have people on a construction site walking around in areas that are not safe and is a clear liability issue that is putting the Township at risk. We agree that signs should have been put up when the project began- Therefore, signs have been put up now and trespassing violations will be enforced.

New Interim CFO Consultant- As mentioned in our last meeting- we hired a new interim consultant and she has been working diligently in order to meet deadlines that are soon approaching. We feel very confident that everything will go as it should.

Finally, we have been advised by our Township Attorney that as Committee members, we should not be using social media to disclose confidential Township information. This puts the township at risk and is a divisive measure to undermine the Committee as a whole. Whether we as a committee agree on everything, we all need to work together for the betterment of the Township-

We weren't elected to be self-serving, but elected to be the voice and act in the best interest for ALL of the Mansfield Township citizens- as Mrs. Kinney so eloquently stated at the Reorganization meeting- "You all need to work together." We thank you for your advice Mrs. Kinney and hopefully it is taken to heart by all of the committee members.

Mr. Misertino explained his issues with the statement that was read and the signs being placed at the Mt. Bethel Church.

Chief Reilly came before the committee and explained that he was asked how to keep people safe on that property because it's a Construction zone. He explained that the only way that it is enforceable is if

it is posted.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Don Proefrock, Diamond Hill spoke to the Township Committee in regards to the salt shed.

Dennis McKevitt, Blau Road, spoke to Mr. DiSessa in reference to his son's email regarding the retaining wall on Heiser and Watters Road. Is this project proceeding.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he is getting the plans and specs in order and we will be putting it out to bid for work to begin late spring or early summer.

Mr. McKevitt asked that the 10 ton limit sign be replaced on Heiser and Watters.

Dawn Smith, Mt Bethel Road, Mt Bethel Church asked about the compliance with MCCPC. Mrs. Smith also asked about the millings and our contract with the MCCPC. LSRP requirements and what budget this will have to come from.

Mrs. Smith asked about the Wash bay is filled like a storage shed and it should be being used to wash off the trucks.

Mrs. Smith asked about the plan for the church and handicapped accessibility.

Mrs. Smith explained that the signage and bench have been drafted and we are waiting for approval from Mrs. Starks family to have them placed at the park.

Mrs. Smith stated that the EDAC county regular meeting will be held here on March 13 at 7:30 in conjunction with the County EDAC.

Mrs. Smith stated that the EDAC business roundtable has been cancelled for February 13 due to low turnout.

Nick Toscano, asked Mr. DiSessa if the complaint was true that there was stacking in the junk yard.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he did inspect and there was not any stacking.

Mrs. Thompson thanked Mr. Misertino for keeping the public informed.

Mrs. Thompson asked about the status of the junkyard license.

Mr. Lavery stated that he will review the paperwork and have it on for the next meeting.

Alec Kocher asked if there is a local statute for the seating at the dais.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that there is not.

Mrs. Adasavage spoke in reference to the Mt Bethel Church and the millings that were placed on the property.

Elizabeth Griggs, 545 Mount Bethel Road, spoke to Mr. Lavery in reference to the attorney's job at the meeting.

Ms. Griggs stated that the signage ordinance is going against free speech.

Mr. Lavery stated that this is to restrict posting on the Township property.

Ms. Griggs asked about Mrs. Mora Dillon's exit interview with the CFO and that was done and was it filed in his personal folder.

Mrs. Mora Dillon stated that she mailed out a survey to the previous CFO in the mail.

Ms. Griggs questioned the meeting that was held with the Warren County Board of Health, Ms. Hrebenak, and Mr. Petteruti and the management of the project on the property.

Ms. Griggs asked who it is that oversees the permitting on the Township level.

Scott Minter, 545 Mount Bethel Road, salt shed issues, millings at the church, budget issues, who with all of these issues decided to have a signage ordinance brought up.

Scott Minter asked about the signage at Mount Bethel Road.

Mrs. Adasavage asked if the Township Committee would consider a sign for the gate so that people could still enter the cemetery.

The Township Committee agreed that they would install a sign on the gate to the cemetery to grant access.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve Mt. Bethel Church cemetery access through gate, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Scott Cruts, Butler Park, how do the volunteers working at the church get covered.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2017-37

Approval to submit a Grant applicant and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Heiser Road Resurfacing Project

Whereas, Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ has given Pennoni Engineers the approval to submit this grant on behalf of the Township of Mansfield,

Whereas, the Township of Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ formally approves the grant application for the above state project,

Be It Further Resolved, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA – 2017 – Heiser Road Resurfacing- 00603 for Mansfield Township to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-37, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mrs. Kocher

RESOLUTION 2017-38

Approval to submit a Grant applicant and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Mt. Bethel Road Resurfacing Project

Whereas, Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ has given Penonni Engineers the approval to submit this grant on behalf of the Township of Mansfield,

Whereas, the Township of Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ formally approves the grant application for the above state project,

Be It Further Resolved, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA – 2017 – Mt. Bethel Road Resurfacing-00603 for Mansfield Township to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Mansfield Township, Warren County, NJ and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-38, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

ORDINANCE:

1st Reading:

Mayor Watters stated that he would like to hold Ordinance 2017-03 until the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 2017-03

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 363 ARTICLE V TITLED “SIGNS” TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 363-24.1 TITLED “SIGNS PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY”.

2nd Reading:

ORDINANCE 2017-02

ORDINANCE TO CANCEL CAPITAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists full-funded ordinances on the balance sheet of the General Capital Fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund creating these ordinances has been investigated and it has been determined that these ordinances are no longer needed and should be canceled;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, that the following ordinances in the total amount of \$ 630.07 are hereby canceled to Capital Surplus.

Ordinance CA-2009-04

Purchase of Office Equipment	\$	130.01
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Ordinance CA-2013-02

Purchase of Mig Welder	\$	500.06
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Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2017-02, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Mayor Watters opened the floor for public comment.

Mrs. Smith requested that the Township Committee not approve this ordinance because the notice requirements have not been met.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she is unsure if the notice was in the newspaper.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:05pm, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Return from Executive Session at 9:44.

Mr. Lavery, Esq. stated that during Executive Session to discuss three matters potential litigation matter dealing with the salt shed, a personnel matter dealing with the Township Committee, pending litigation matter dealing with NJ Cars, copies of these minutes will be available as soon as the Committee feels they are no longer a harm to the public interest.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to pay the invoices discussed in Executive Session subject to the requirements set in executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Misertino had nothing to report.

Mr. Hayes spoke with three of the fire departments and the Warren County Morris Canal Society and they will be placing signs up on the canal where it crosses major roads..

Mrs. Mora Dillon had nothing to report.

Mayor Watters appointed Heather Kerner to serve on the Economic Development Council to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Griggs with a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to change the February 22, 2017 meeting to February 21, 2017, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Mayor Watters made a motion to adjourn 9:41pm, which was carried by all.